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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A <u>purified</u> polypeptide or <u>salts</u> salt thereof consisting of <u>an amino acid</u> sequence represented by: SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2, and

having forming an intermolecular a disulfide bond between two of the cysteines contained in SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2.

- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Currently Amended): A <u>purified</u> polypeptide or <u>salts</u> salt thereof consisting of an amino acid sequence represented by:

SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2 of which one or two or several of the amino acids thereof have been deleted, substituted, inserted or added,

having forming an intermolecular a disulfide bond, and moreover showing mechano-sensitive channel inhibiting activity.

- 4-8. (Cancelled)
- 9. (Currently Amended): A mechano-sensitive channel inhibitor comprising one or more of the polypeptides or salts thereof described in one of claims 1 to 5 and 11-14.

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- 10. (Withdrawn/Currently Amended): A remedy of medicament for atrial fibrillation comprising one or more of the polypeptides or salts thereof described in one of claims [[1 to 5]] 1 or 3.
- 11. (New) The purified polypeptide of claim 3, wherein one of the amino acids thereof has been deleted, substituted, inserted or added.
- 12. (New) The purified polypeptide of claim 3, wherein one or two of the amino acids thereof have been substituted.
- 13. (New) The purified polypeptide of claim 3, wherein one of the amino acids thereof has been substituted.
- 14. (New) The purified polypeptide of claim 3, wherein the cysteine residues are not deleted, substituted, inserted or added.